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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

MR. WILLIAM J. MAXWELL
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
608 SOUTH WRIGHT STREET
URBANA, IL 61801

July 28, 2008

Subject: BROWN, FRANK LONDON

FOIPA No. 1074998-000

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

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111 page(s) were reviewed and 90 page(s) are being released.

Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

- referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
- referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

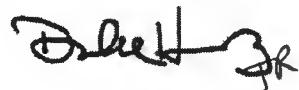
You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s).

If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

- ☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for information concerning Frank London Brown, enclosed is a processed copy of FBI Headquarters files 100-421457 and 140-17084.

For your additional information, a record that may be responsive to your FOIA request has been transferred to the National Archives. You may desire to direct a request to the National Archives, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001.

To minimize costs to both you and the FBI, extra file copies of the same document were not processed.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

(b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;

(b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;

(b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute(A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;

(b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;

(b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;

(b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;

(b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or

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SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

(d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;

(j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;

(k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;

(k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;

(k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;

(k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;

(k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CHICAGO

REPORT MADE AT ST. LOUIS	DATE WHEN MADE 12-19-55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-2,13-55	REPORT MADE BY SE <input type="text"/> dbs
TITLE CHANGED FRANK BROWN, JR., wa. Frank London Brown		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C b6 b7C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject served in U. S. Army from 1-7-46 to 12-21-46. Received Honorable Discharge, due to lack of adaptability for military service because of being chronically on sick call or in the hospital. Background and descriptive information set forth.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

The title of this case is being marked "Changed" to add the name FRANK LONDON BROWN as it is shown in his Army service record, as maintained at the Adjutant General's Office, Department of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

A review on December 13, 1955 of the Army Service record on file at the Adjutant General's Office, Department of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, for FRANK LONDON BROWN, Army Serial No. 16 205 069, indicates that he enlisted in the U. S. Army on January 7, 1946 and entered on active duty on the same date at Chicago, Illinois. He was honorably discharged on December 21, 1946 as a Private First Class from the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland by reason of lack of adaptability for military service due to being chronically on sick call or in the hospital.

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He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal. His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent. There is no record of courts-martial, absence without leave or derogatory information.

The following background and descriptive information is contained in the record:

Date and Place of Birth:	10-17-27 at Kansas City, Missouri
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	153 lbs.
Race:	Negro
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Brown
Build:	Medium
Education:	8 years grammar four high school, 1 year college
Military Occupation:	Basic soldier
Addresses:	5752 Calumet Ave., Chicago, Ill. (1946)
Relatives:	MYRTLE BROWN, mother 5752 Calumet Ave., Chicago, Ill. (1946) FRANK BROWN , father 5752 Calumet Ave., Chicago, Ill. (1946)
Photo:	None available
LDB #:	8 at Chicago, Ill.

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[redacted] The records at DDMPRC, AGO, SLMO were reviewed by IC [redacted]

Reference: Chicago letter dated 11-25-55 (Inter Office)

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All References
 Subversive References
 Main References Only *sl + mo*
 Restrict to Locality of *sl + mo*
 Breakdown Buildup Variations
 Exact Name Only *2/1/55*
 Exact Spelling
 Check for Alphabetical Loyalty Form

Frank Brown
SUBJECT male negro
Address *Frank London Brown*

Localities Birthdate & Place 10-17-27 Kansas City, Mo
R# 101 Date 12-27 Initial M.L.H
FILE NUMBER *4* SERIAL D.S.B.

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I 67-494712 (Ident)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-30890)

SUBJECT: FRANK LONDON BROWN, JR.

SM - C
O.O. - Chicago

DATE: April 25, 1956

Re. report of SE [redacted] dated
12/19/55 at St. Louis.

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1. BROWN resides at 10717 South Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is unemployed and is of the Negro race. BROWN was employed as Program Coordinator, District #1, United Packinghouse Workers of America - CIO, Chicago, February, 1955 - February, 1956, when he was replaced by the former Program Coordinator who had returned from military service. [redacted]

2. BROWN is married [redacted]

3. BROWN signed Progressive Party nominating petitions in 1950 and 1952; was active in the Trumbull Park (Chicago Housing Authority) Development racial disputes and has been active to date in the NAACP, having attended the EMMETT TILL trial and having been a delegate to the NAACP conference held in Washington, D.C., in March, 1956. The files of the Chicago Office reflect no membership on the part of BROWN in the Communist Party and/or CP front groups, however, the files do reflect that BROWN is known to associate with security subjects of the Chicago Office.

4. None.

5. In July, 1954, the Security Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised that BROWN's father, FRANK BROWN, SR., and mother, MYRTLE M. were CP members for five to six years prior to 1946. Anonymous sources in 1944 and 1945 furnished 1944 and 1945 CP registrations and membership cards for MYRTLE BROWN, and FRANK L. BROWN, SR., was alleged to have been a registered member of the Washington Park Branch, Chicago, CP in 1945 - 1946. EVELYN BROWN, wife, was active in the Progressive Party in the 1st Congressional District in 1951.

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Submit results in report
Date 5-8-56

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: FRANK LONDON BROWN, JR.

6. None

7. Bureau permission is requested to interview subject in an effort to determine his present sympathies, and to determine any information he might possess of other individuals.

Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects. If this subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting authority to recontact the subject as a Potential Security Informant.

SAC, Chicago (100-30890)

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June 25, 1956

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FRANK LONDON BROWN, JR.
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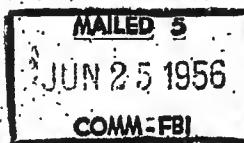
Reurlet dated June 12, 1956, requesting
that permission to interview subject be rescinded.

Bureau authority is granted. In the
event circumstances are such in the future that an
interview with subject is deemed advisable, you
should resubmit a request for authority to interview
subject.

YELLOW: Subject not on SI. Original request for
authority to interview subject submitted by Chicago
letter 4-25-56, and approved 5-8-56. Relet advised
that subject resides Trumbull Park Housing area of
Chicago, which is heavily patrolled by Chicago policemen.
Trumbull Park is scene of racial riots making it
disadvantageous for surveillance to make contact with
subject. Chicago of opinion contact with subject might
prove embarrassing to Bureau.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-421457)

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-30890)

SUBJECT: FRANK LONDON BROWN, JR.

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OO: CHICAGO

DATE: June 12, 1956

Re Chicago letter to the Bureau April 25, 1956.

To date, attempts to interview BROWN in a favorable location have been negative. At the time referenced letter requesting permission to interview BROWN was forwarded to the Bureau, investigation revealed BROWN, then unemployed, was applying for a position with a Cook County Agency. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised on June 4, 1956, that subject is still unemployed and stated he would advise this office when and where subject became employed.

BROWN's residence in the Trumbull Park Housing Area, scene of racial riots make it disadvantageous for surveillance and to approach BROWN in this area. Trumbull Park is heavily patrolled by Chicago policemen with BROWN's residence in the center of a court, accessible by foot surveillance only. Subject was and is a leader of the minority group residing in the said area.

It is believed that any attempts to approach BROWN in or near the Trumbull Park Area might prove embarrassing to the Bureau and it is therefore requested that at this time said permission to interview be rescinded.

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cc: [redacted]

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SAC, Chicago (100-30890)

November 26, 1956

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FRANK LONDON BROWN
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Reurlet (Form FD-122) and rerep of
SA [redacted] both dated 11-6-56 at
Chicago.

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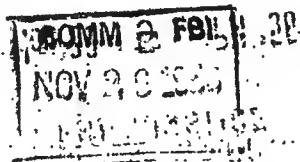
Subject's name is not being included
in the Security Index at this time.

While subject's name was possibly in possession of a member of the administrative staff of the Illinois-Indiana District of the Communist Party in 1956, and information on 1956 Communist Party registration form compares favorably with that of the subject, no definite information has been developed to indicate actual current Communist Party membership on the part of the subject. It is noted that an informant believed subject is a Communist Party member; however, this was strictly the informant's opinion and informant was unable to furnish any definite data as to why he has formed this opinion, other than from the people with whom subject associates.

Accordingly, it is essential that additional investigation be conducted by your office to determine subject's current activities. In the event sufficient subversive information concerning him is obtained to warrant the inclusion of his name in the Security Index, you should immediately resubmit FD-122.

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Letter to Chicago
Re: Frank London Brown
100-421457

NOTE ON YELLOW:

An unnamed registration form from a 1956 CP registration drive bears descriptive information closely resembling that of the subject. In July, 1956, Mollie West, member, administrative staff, Illinois-Indiana CP District, had in her possession certain documents, one bearing the notation "Frank Brown 10717 Yates, Textile." Subject is organizer, Textile Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, Chicago, and resides 10717 South Yates, Chicago. Subject active in NAACP. Spoke at meeting of MCPFB in April, 1955. On 10-7-55 among pickets at Chicago hearing of Subcommittee of the Senate Internal Security Committee investigating sending of CP propaganda through U.S. mails. Signed Progressive Party nominating petitions in 1950 and 1952. Subject is Negro, born 10-17-27.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-421457)

DATE: 11/6/56

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-30890)

ST SUBJECT: FRANK LONDON BROWN
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME FRANK LONDON BROWN

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE Negro SEX Male

DATE OF BIRTH 10/17/27 PLACE OF BIRTH Kansas City, Missouri

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Textile Workers Union of America AFL-CIO

2400 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois 100-421457-4

KEY FACILITY DATA: None

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 10717 South Yates, Chicago, Illinois

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11-26-56
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DIRECTOR, FBI
Re: FRANK LONDON BROWN

The following is a resume of the subversive activities of FRANK LONDON BROWN:

On 3/21/56, CG5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available the 1956 CP registrations for the Foster (Packing) Division of the Illinois - Indiana CP District. The registrations did not reflect the names of the registrants, but did reflect the age, sex, race, national origin, length of time in organization, occupation in industry, union and local, name of mass organization, dues paid to (month), do you read the "Daily Worker", "The Worker" regularly, and club or division position. Information on one of said registrations reflected that a male, age 27, of the negro race had been in the organization 7 years, a member of the Packing union, active in the NAACP, was a regular reader of "The Worker" and had no club or division position. Information above concerning the registrant coincided with information received concerning FRANK LONDON BROWN.

Reliable informant advised BROWN attended an NAACP-CP club meeting in December, 1955. Reliable informant stated the name FRANK BROWN appeared under the word "Transfers" in material in possession of LOU DISKIN on 5/22/56 who had been identified as recently National CP coordinator for the Packing Industry and presently Organizational Secretary of the Foster Division in the Illinois-Indiana CP District. Reliable informant advised that the following information appeared in documents in the possession of [redacted]

"FRANK BROWN 10717 Yates Textile". It is to be noted that BROWN resides at 10717 S. Yates, Chicago, Illinois, and is presently an Organizer for the Textile Workers Union of America, Chicago, Illinois, having been so employed since April, 1956. It is also to be noted that BROWN had been employed as Program Coordinator, District #1, United Packinghouse Workers of America - AFL-CIO, Chicago from 2/55 to 2/56, at which time he was laid-off due to return of former Program Coordinator from military service.

According to reliable informants, BROWN attended and spoke at a Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born conference in Chicago in April, 1955. Informant, who collects security information in the Chicago area, advised BROWN participated in a picket demonstration on 10/7/55 sponsored by the NAACP-UPWA-CIO against the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee hearings in Chicago to investigate the sending of Communist propaganda through U.S. Mails, and that BROWN signed 1950 Progressive Party nominating petition and was an active Progressive Party member in 1951. Reliable informant advised BROWN subscribed to "The Worker" for a period of 1 year in 1951.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 11/6/56	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/8, 10-12, 15-19, 22/56
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED FRANK LONDON BROWN		REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	TYPED BY b6 b7C kRP
AGENCY CIO RECD. 9-18-59 REP. FORM. 9-29-59 BY Jewett		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	
SYNOPSIS:		SUMMARY REPORT	

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BROWN is employed as an Organizer with the Textile Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, Chicago, Illinois, and resides at 10717 South Yates Chicago. Comparison of data relating to a CP registrant during the 1956 CP registration drive with subject set forth. Reliable informant advised BROWN attended an NAACP-CP club meeting in December, 1955. Reliable informants stated the name FRANK BROWN appeared under word "Transfers" in material in possession of BOB DISKIN, Organizational Secretary, Foster (Packing) Division, Illinois-Indiana CP District, and that the name FRANK BROWN, with address 10717 Yates and the word "Textile" appeared in the [Redacted]

According to reliable informants, BROWN attended and spoke at an MCPFB conference in April, 1955. Informant advised that BROWN participated in a picket demonstration on 10/7/55 sponsored by the NAACP-UPWA-CIO against the Senate Internal Security Committee hearings held in Chicago to investigate sending Communist propaganda through the U.S. Mails. Informant also advised that subject signed Progressive Party nominating petition in 1950.

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*W. J. [Signature]
D. J. [Signature]*

CG 100-30890

DETAILS:

The title of this report is marked "changed" to reflect the name FRANK LONDON BROWN as shown in subject's military records and Ford Motor Company records. FRANK BROWN, Jr., is deleted inasmuch as it is not subject's full name, and there are no indications that subject uses Jr.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

This investigation is predicated upon receipt of information from T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, who advised on July 9, 1956, that on that date, there was in the [redacted] on March 11, 1956 by T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, [redacted]

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"FRANK BROWN, 10717 Yates, Textile."

I. BACKGROUND

Birth Data

The files of the Adjutant General's Office, Department of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, as reviewed on December 13, 1955, by [redacted] reflected that BROWN was born on October 17, 1927, at Kansas City, Missouri.

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Present Employment

On August 24, 1956, T-3, who holds a responsible position, and is in a position to know, advised that as of about April, 1956, subject was employed by the Textile Workers Union of America - AFL - CIO, 2400 West Madison,

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Chicago, Illinois, as an Organizer, and on October 18, 1956, informant advised that subject continues to be employed as stated above.

Former Employment

In July, 1954, and on March 16, 1956, T-4, an agency which collects security information in the Chicago area, advised that BROWN had previously been employed at the following:



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(May, 1944 to January, 1947)

United States Post Office
Chicago (September 22, 1947,
to December 11, 1947)
Temporary Clerk - Quit;
(August 16, 1949 to
November 4, 1949)
Probationary Clerk - Quit;
(January 9, 1952 to January
18, 1952)
Indefinite Clerk - Quit;

Dix Force Procurement
140 North Canal Street
Chicago
(June 13, 1950, to July, 1951)

Liberty Loan Company
805 East 47th Street
Chicago (July, 1951, to
October, 1952)

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Mall Tool Company 7600 South Chicago Avenue Chicago (October 1, 1952 to December 3, 1952)	United Packinghouse Workers of America - CIO (UPWA) (District 1) 4859 South Wabash Chicago (February, 1955 to February, 1956) (T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 16, 1955, that BROWN was District #1, UPWA (Program) Coordinator)
Ford Motor Company 76th and Cicero Chicago (December 5, 1952 to unknown date) (March 23, 1953, to May 1, 1953 - Quit,	A. H. Marar & Company 2122 South Michigan Shipping Clerk, (3 years - no date) Company out of business
Firebird Lounge 70 East 71st Street Chicago - Manager (July 9, 1952, to October 1, 1953) FRANK BROWN, Sr. - Proprietor)	Armour Research Inst. 35th & State Sts., Chicago Storekeeper (November 1953 to February 1955)
Commonwealth Loan Company 6245 South Cottage Grove Chicago (October 1, 1953 to October 31, 1953)	

T-3 advised on March 6, 1956, and August 24, 1956,
that BROWN was laid off from his job as Program Coordinator,
UPWA, in February, 1956, and was not employed until being
hired by the Textile Workers Union of America.

Residence

T-3 advised on March 6, 1956, that BROWN moved
into Apartment 293, 10717 South Yates, Chicago, Illinois,

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Trumbull Park, Chicago Housing Authority Project, on April 1, 1954. The informant advised on October 18, 1956, that subject continues to reside at this address.

Former Residences

T-4 advised in July, 1954, that BROWN formerly resided at the following addresses:

4621 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
(Prior to August, 1941)

5752 Calumet Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
(August, 1941 to January, 1949)

13149 Langley Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
(January, 1949, to June, 1950)

5752 Calumet Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
June, 1950, to June, 1951

71 East 72nd Street
Chicago, Illinois
(June, 1951 to April, 1954)

Marital Status

On October 15, 1956, the files of the Cook County Bureau of Vital Statistics, 130 North Wells, Chicago, were reviewed and reflected that Marriage License #2004752 was issued on November 22, 1947, to FRANK L. BROWN, age 20, [redacted] of Chicago. The

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record further reflected that subject [redacted]
married on November 30, 1947, by the [redacted]
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Military Service

On December 13, 1955, the files of the Adjutant General's Office, Department of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, were reviewed by SE [redacted] and reflected the following information:

Name:	FRANK LONDON BROWN
ASN:	16205069
Enlisted:	January 7, 1946
Entered on active duty:	January 7, 1946, at Chicago, Illinois
Discharged:	Honorable discharge, December 21, 1946, as PFC, from Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland by reason of lack of adaptability for military service due to being chronically on sick call or in the hospital
Awards:	World War II Victory Medal
Character and efficiency:	Ratings range from unknown to excellent; no record of court - martial, absence without leave, or derogatory information.

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Education

On October 11, 1956, [redacted]
Kent College of Law, 10 North Franklin, Chicago, advised that

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the files of her office reflected the following information concerning BROWN:

Attended Kent College of Law intermittently from February 6, 1952, to January 8, 1955;

Born October 17, 1927, Kansas City, Missouri;

Previous education: Roosevelt College, Chicago, Illinois; A.B. Degree January 29, 1951, Wilberforce University, 1944 - 1945; DuSable High School, Chicago, Illinois, graduated 1945.

[redacted] advised the files of Kent College of Law contained no adverse information concerning BROWN.

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Identification Record

Record dated October 17, 1956, FBI# 380 964 C

<u>Contributor</u>	Name and <u>Number</u>	Arrested or <u>Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Army	FRANK LONDON BROWN #16 205 069	1-7-46 Chicago, Illinois		
CSC	FRANK LONDON BROWN #207-POS-8		10-13-47	
CSC	FRANK LONDON BROWN #7.50.3988		9-1-49	
CSC	FRANK LONDON BROWN #7.52.28392		1-23-52	

Criminal Record

On October 8, 1956, the records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, were

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reviewed by Patrolman [redacted] who advised that the files of his office reflected that FRANK T. BROWN of 10717 South Yates, Chicago, born October 17, 1927, Kansas City, Missouri, was arrested by the Chicago Police Department on July 27, 1954, charged with disobedience of a Police Officer and using obscene language. BROWN was fined \$5.00 and \$10.00 costs on September 28, 1954.

Relatives

In July, 1954, and on November 23, 1955, T-4, and T-6, who held a responsible position and was in a position to know, respectively advised that BROWN has the following relatives:

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Mr & Mrs FRANK BROWN, Sr. - father ILL

MYRTLE M. BROWN - Mother ILL

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II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE
COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past

Informant advised on December 15, 1955, that a meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) - CP Club was held on December 13, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois. Informant advised that said meeting was not entirely "closed", as FRANK BROWN delivered some material during the middle of the meeting, and that those in attendance had been warned that BROWN thought they were just a caucus. It was felt by those in attendance that it would be better to back FRANK BROWN, of Trumbull Park, over an opposing candidate for Secretary in the December 16, 1955, NAACP elections.

T-2 on May 14, 1956, advised that the CP Illinois-Indiana District, in late 1955, as part of its United Front Program, designated the Chicago Branch NAACP as a point of concentration in non-Communist "right-led" organizations in the Chicago area. The CP, accordingly, instructed many of its members to become members of the NAACP and to become active in it in order to influence its program, particularly in civil rights issues and for the further purpose of making new contacts among Negroes.

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Informant advised on March 21, 1956, that [redacted]

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a registration form pertaining to individuals in the Foster Division of the CP, which registration form had been completed during the 1956 CP registration drive for this district.

This registration form, which did not bear the name of an individual for security reasons, reflected that

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a male, 27 years of age, of the Negro race, had been in the organization for 7 years, a member of the Packing Union, active in the NAACP, was a regular reader of "The Worker" and had no club or division position, had been registered in this division.

COMPARATIVE DATA

It is to be noted as reflected above in the files of the Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel Records Center, that BROWN was born October 17, 1927, and is of the Negro race.

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It is also to be noted that T-4 advised that BROWN was employed by the UPWA-CIO from February, 1955, to February, 1956, and that T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 28, 1952, that one FRANK BROWN, of 13149 Langley, Chicago, was a subscriber to the "The Worker" for 1 year, to expire March 5, 1951.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

It is to be noted that T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 19, 1955, that FRANK BROWN was selected by the UPWA-CIO to be a candidate for the office of Secretary of the NAACP for 1956.

T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past

Informant advised on May 22, 1956, that LOU DISKIN was on that date in possession of certain material. Included among this material was a sheet of paper with the notation "Transfers" followed by 8 names, one of which was FRANK BROWN.

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T-2 on March 11, 1956, advised that LOU DISKIN was recently National CP Coordinator for the Packing industry and presently is Organizational Secretary of the Foster (Packing) Division in the Illinois-Indiana CP District.

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Informant advised on July 9, 1956, that [redacted]

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"FRANK BROWN, 10717 Yates, Textile"

It is to be noted that T-3 on August 24, 1956, advised that BROWN, as of April, 1956, was an Organizer of the Textile Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, Chicago.

T-2, on March 11, 1956, advised that [redacted]

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Chicago Peace Committee (CPC)

T-2 advised on May 14, 1956, that in November, 1955, the Illinois-Indiana District CP leadership designated [redacted]

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T-11, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 14, 1956, that the CPC was organized at [redacted]

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T-12, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in May, 1956, that [redacted] following as the ideas and purposes of the CPC:

- 1) To issue a monthly peace bulletin.
- 2) To hold forums from time to time on current peace issues.
- 3) To conduct periodic public meetings with a prominent public speaker.

The APC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Informant advised on May 24, 1956, that the CPC [redacted]

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Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB)

T-5 advised on May 12, 1955, that the MCPFB was formed in the late 1940's and was at that time, and up to

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May, 1955, the Midwest organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB).

T-13, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 8, 1956, that the MCPFB has been, since May, 1955, and still is, the Midwest organization of the ACPFB.

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Informant advised on May 4 and 17, 1955, that the MCPFB held a Midwest Conference to Defend the Rights of Foreign Born Americans at Milda Hall, 3142 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois, on April 30, 1955. Informant advised that FRANK BROWN was one of a number of persons in attendance.

Informant further advised that [redacted] of the ACPFB, spoke and advised that there exists in America today a rising tide against tyranny and that the sentiment of the American people has forced the powers that be to make changes and it is becoming increasingly difficult for the Justice Department to obtain convictions.

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Informant also stated that FRANK BROWN, of the UPWA Union, spoke and stated that his union will work for repeal of the Walter-McCarran Law..., further stating that the Walter-McCarran Law is being used against unions because some of the most active union members are of foreign birth.

T-14, who has furnished reliable information in the past

Informant advised on May 19, 1955, that FRANK BROWN spoke at the April 30, 1955 Midwest Conference of the MCPFB

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held at 3124 South Halsted Street, Chicago. Informant advised that BROWN spoke at the second session of said conference, stating that everyone, whether they be foreign born or native, should enjoy the Bill of Rights and action should be taken to arouse the public and inform them of the dangers within the Walter-McCarran Law.

"The Worker"

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Informant advised on March 28, 1952, that one FRANK BROWN, 13149 Langley, Chicago, was a subscriber to the "The Worker" for 1 year, to expire March 5, 1951.

Other Activities

National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People (NAACP)

T-15, who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Informant advised on August 29, 1955, that about August 21, 1955, the North Side Chapter of the NAACP held a meeting in Chicago. Informant stated that (FRANK) BROWN, a Negro from Trumbull Park, was the main speaker and urged renewed efforts to alleviate the strife that has been prevalent at the Trumbull Park (Chicago Housing Authority) housing project.

Informant advised the CP asserts quite a bit of influence in the North Side Chapter of the NAACP and that the CP has a project in force now to agitate on the Trumbull Park situation.

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It is to be noted that the Trumbull Park Housing Project, Chicago, Illinois, has been the scene of racial riots in the recent past years as a result of several Negro families having moved into an all-white housing project. These riots have necessitated a special police guard for many months.

T-4

Informant advised during October, 1955, that the Chicago Branch NAACP and District #1, UPWA-CIO, held a picketing demonstration on October 7, 1955, at the United States Customs House, Chicago, while a Subcommittee of the Senate Internal Security Committee was in session at Chicago to investigate the sending of Communist propaganda through the United States mails. Informant advised that FRANK BROWN was one of approximately 31 persons who took part in the demonstration and carried signs reading as follows:

"Senator EASTLAND, who killed EMMETT TILL?"

"Chicago won't buy EASTLAND's brand of democracy."

"Senator EASTLAND is trying to turn Chicago into Mississippi."

"This committee should investigate Mississippi."

"Mississippi is the real threat to internal security."

It is to be noted that on August 31, 1955, EMMETT LOUIS TILL, 14-year-old Chicago Negro boy, was found slain near Money, Mississippi.

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T-16, who has furnished reliable information in the past

Informant advised on June 1, 1956, that at the May 26, 1956 meeting of the Chicago NAACP Branch held at Washington Park Field House, Chicago, FRANK BROWN was elected one of the delegates to the 1956 National Convention of the NAACP.

T-17, who has furnished reliable information in the past

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Progressive Party (PP)

The National Committee of the CP, USA, in issuing its final text of the "Resolutions Growing out of the Presidential Elections," in "Political Affairs" issue of July, 1953, states in substance that in 1948, the CP helped stimulate the formation of the PP and correctly supported the PP through the 1952 elections. It then states: "However, the mistake our Party made was to confuse this task with the historic task of forming a new mass party of the people. As a consequence, there existed the wrong estimate that the formation of the PP represented something more than the simple emergence of a great mass people's party."

As a result of this reasoning, the resolution concludes that the "PP, the CP, and other progressive forces" must unite in a broad, mass front coalition.

Concerning "Political Affairs" mentioned above, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a convicted CP functionary testifying in the case "United States versus ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL," on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's beginning in 1945.

T-4

Informant advised in July, 1954, that FRANK LONDON BROWN, 13149 South Langley Avenue (Chicago) signed PP nominating petition in 1950, Sheet #1764, Line #6, and that BROWN was an active PP member in the First Congressional District in 1951.

Informant also advised that one FRANK BROWN, of 5753 South Calumet Avenue (Chicago) signed PP nominating petition in 1952, Sheet #927, Line #16.

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Information re FRANK BROWN, Father,
and MYRTLE BROWN, Mother

T-18, who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Informant advised on May 22, 1945, that FRANK BROWN, Negro, of 5752 Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, possessed CP Registration #59602, and was a member of the Washington Park CP Club. Said number was issued on November 24, 1944. Informant advised FRANK BROWN's occupation was given as solderer in MMSW Union - CIO (Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers Union - CIO).

Informant also advised on May 22, 1945, that MYRTLE BROWN, Negro, of 5752 Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, possessed CP Registration #59601, and was a member of the Washington Park CP Club. Said number was issued on November 24, 1944.

Information re [redacted]

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Informant advised in July, 1954, that [redacted]
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Informant advised in July, 1954, that [redacted]
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IV. DESCRIPTION

The following composite description of FRANK LONDON BROWN was obtained from the Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, T-3, T-4, T-6, and [redacted] Kent College of Law, Chicago, Illinois:

Name	FRANK LONDON BROWN	- Summary
Born	October 17, 1927	
	Kansas City, Missouri	
Height	5'9"	
Weight	165 pounds	
Race	Negro	
Hair	Black	
Eyes	Brown	
Complexion	Brown	
Build	Medium	
Social Security #	358-16-5324	
United States		
Army Serial #		
Marital status		

[redacted]

10117 South 47th
Chicago, IL

Relatives

Father
Mother

FRANK BROWN, Sr.
MYRTLE M. BROWN

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The files of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, were caused to be reviewed on 10/8/56 by Investigative Clerk [redacted]

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An FD-122 is being submitted with this report recommending that FRANK LONDON BROWN be placed on the Security Index.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T-symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where it is necessary to conceal the identity of the source.

It is to be noted that subject applied at the Chicago Office on November 1, 1951, for the position of Special Agent (E) with the Bureau, the results of which were transmitted to the Bureau with Chicago letter to the Director dated November 7, 1951, subject "FRANK LONDON BROWN, BUAP - SA (E)" with fingerprints and photograph enclosed.

[redacted] It is also to be noted that per report of SA [redacted] dated 7/21/52, at San Francisco, titled "CINRAD," on pages 98 and 99 of said report, under caption "Applicant and/or Employees Subject to AEC Security Regulations concerning whom Security Clearance is Pending" subcaption "United States Department of the Air Force, Washington, D.C., re [redacted]" Paragraph 3 reflects that SF T-86, of known reliability, advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] that FRANK BROWN, 72 East 72nd Street, Chicago, [redacted]

SF T-86, of above report, was anonymous. set forth in WFO "CINRAD" letter to the Bureau, 5/1/52 re [redacted]

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It is to be noted that BROWN'S residence in 1944 was 5752 Calumet, Chicago, Illinois.

WFO has been requested by separate letter to clarify BROWN's membership in the CP in New York when BROWN at that time was a resident of Chicago.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity and/or Description of Information</u>	<u>File number where Located</u>
T-1 [redacted]	✓ ✓	✓ b2
T-2 [redacted]	Characterization of [redacted] ✓ Characterization of NAACP✓ 1956 CP registration✓ Characterization of [redacted] Characterization CPC✓	b7C b6
T-3 [redacted] [redacted] (advisable)	Present employment✓ Unemployment period✓ Present residence✓ Description✓	100-30890-69 100-30890-72 100-30890-44 & 72 b6 b7C 100-30890-44 & 72 b7D

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity and/or Description of Information</u>	<u>File Number Where Located</u>	
T-4 [redacted]	Former employment✓ Former residences✓ Relatives✓ NAACP-UPWA Demonstration✓ PP petition signer '50-52✓ Info re [redacted] Info re [redacted] Description✓	100-30890-39,46 100-30890-39 100-30890-39 100-30890-16 100-30890-39 100-30890-39 100-30890-39 100-30890-39	b6 b7C
T-5 [redacted]	Description of job with UPWA✓ Characterization MCPFB✓ UPWA District #1 meeting 12/55✓	100-30890-33 100-30890-33	b6 b7C
T-6 [redacted] [redacted] (advisable)	Relatives✓ Description✓	100-30890-31 100-30890-31	b6 b7C
T-7 - Former [redacted]	✓	100-30890-25	b2 b7D
T-8 [redacted]	✓ ✓	100-14644-1B6	

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T-9 [redacted]	✓	100-30890-23 b2 b7D
T-10 [redacted]	✓	
T-11 [redacted]	Characterization CPC ✓ CPC Meeting ✓	100-30890-58
T-12 [redacted]	Characterization CPC ✓	
T-13 [redacted]	Characterization MCPFB ✓ MCPFB Conference, 1955 ✓	100-30890-1
T-14 [redacted]	MCPFB Conference, 1955 ✓	100-30890-4
T-15 [redacted]	✓	100-30890-10 b2 b7D
T-16 [redacted]	✓	100-30890-60
T-17 [redacted]	NAACP meeting ✓	100-30890-63
T-18 Anonymous	✓	

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LEADS

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1. Will await Bureau's decision on Chicago's recommendation to place FRANK LONDON BROWN on the Security Index.
2. Will await WFO's reply to Chicago letter dated 10/25/56, and will advise the Bureau of the results of the WFO communication.
3. Also will await the reply of the Kansas City Office to Chicago letter dated 11/5/56 in which Kansas City has been requested to locate and review subject's birth records. Will advise the Bureau of the results.

REFERENCES

Report of SE [redacted], dated 12/9/55 at St. Louis.
Chicago letters to the Bureau dated 4/25/56 and 6/12/56. b6
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-421457)

DATE: June 11, 1957

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-30890)
for

SUBJECT: FRANK LONDON BROWN
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OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated April 29, 1957, and Bulet to Chicago dated May 13, 1957.

Enclosed are four copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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On May 22, 1957, FRANK LONDON BROWN was contacted in the vicinity of his residence, 308 West 95th Street, Chicago, by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. Immediately following the identification of the interviewing agents as SAs of the FBI, the Bureau's jurisdiction in security investigations was explained to subject in that such jurisdiction is derived from the laws of the United States as promulgated by the Congress of the United States and also by presidential orders.

It was also pointed out to BROWN that the Bureau has no interest in legitimate union management activities but only in the subversive infiltration of unions as is being conducted by the Communist Party (CP).

BROWN then invited the agents into his home where the interview was continued.

When queried about possessing any knowledge of CP activity, it being explained that the FBI was interested as to whether or not the subject had been approached by the CP due to his active participation in the near riots between the Negroes and the whites in the Chicago Trumbull Park Housing Development in Chicago in 1955, BROWN disclaimed any knowledge of CP activity on his part or on the part of [redacted] 31

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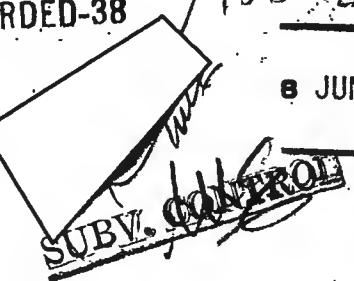
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anyone else. It was pointed out to BROWN that the CP is usually quick to capitalize on a situation such as that described.

BROWN was asked if he would be willing to aid the FBI, at which BROWN stated that he did not want to do so due to the fact that inasmuch as he is primarily concerned with supporting his family through his job as Organizer for the Textile Workers Union of America and with becoming a writer, he felt he could give none of his time to any other activity. He stated that he has just finished writing a book on the Trumbull Park situation and if published, will devote more time to writing.

BROWN went on to state that he felt that the FBI had failed him in 1955 and because of that, he was not willing to help the FBI in 1957, even if he felt so inclined to do so. He elaborated on the point by stating that in 1955 he had brought to the attention of the FBI and other Federal and local agencies what he thought to be the injustice of the Trumbull Park situation. He stated that the Federal agencies failed to come to his aid.

The limitations of Federal jurisdiction were then explained to BROWN by the agents whereupon he stated that he now could understand why no aid came to him and realized now that such a situation can only be altered by an act of legislation.

BROWN added as an afterthought that his personal answer to overcoming "Trumbull Park" is to become personally wealthy for in that way the color lines fall.

BROWN was very cordial and listened attentively during the entire interview, which lasted approximately three hours.

Due to the fact that BROWN had another engagement, the interview was terminated with the suggestion that the agents contact him again soon thereafter, in order to further elaborate on the reason why his aid to the FBI could be very valuable to the United States.

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BROWN stated that he was sure that a further interview would not change his mind and pointedly stated that he would not appreciate another contact. The agents then departed with the request that BROWN keep the interview in strict confidence.

Evaluation:

It is the opinion of the agents that BROWN will always rationalize every aspect of his life henceforth in the light of "Trumbull Park." BROWN was receptive to the remarks of the agents and was courteous, exhibiting no hostility whatsoever during the interview.

Factors precluding a reinterview are:

BROWN's seeking to publish his book and continuing his writing pursuits, and his completely apathetic attitude toward the Communist exploitation of the Negro.

No further interview is contemplated at this time because with this attitude, BROWN is completely unreceptive to further discussion.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 2-18-57	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/10, 13, 14, 18, 21/56; 2/11, 12/57
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LONDON BROWN		REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	TYPED BY cas
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SYNOPSIS:

BROWN is employed as an organizer by the Textile Workers Union of America, AFL - CIO, Chicago, Illinois and resides at 308 West 95th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Confidential informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the Chicago area could furnish no Communist Party information about subject.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Confidential informants mentioned in this report have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise noted.

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The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. BACKGROUND

Birth Data

On November 13, 1956, [redacted]
[redacted] Bureau of Vital Statistics, City Hall,
Kansas City, Missouri, made available to SE [redacted]
[redacted] birth register number 6010 which reflected that
FRANK LONDON BROWN was born October 17, 1927 at Kansas
City, Missouri. The full name of his father was listed
as FRANK BROWN, age 21, residence 1313 Euclid, Kansas
City, Missouri and the full maiden name of his mother
was listed as MYRTLE MARIE SMITH, age 19, same address.
MR & MRS *1927* *Brown 11/1927*

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Employment

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BROWN is employed as an organizer by the
Textile Workers Union of America, AFL - CIO, 2900 West
Madison, Chicago, Illinois.

(T-1, a person who holds a
responsible position and is
in a position to know
on 2/11/57)

Residence

BROWN resides at 308 West 95th Street,
Lowden Homes, Chicago Housing Authority Project,
Chicago, Illinois.

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II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

Confidential informants who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the Chicago, Illinois area could furnish no Communist Party information about subject.

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A review of BROWN's case reflects that information developed against subject does not meet the criteria of SAC letter 55-30 dated April 12, 1955 and therefore subject is not being recommended for the Security Index.

Reference is made to Bureau letter to San Francisco dated January 4, 1957 captioned "CINRAD, IS-R" which sets forth revised paragraph 7, page 99 of report of SA [redacted] dated July 21, 1952 under "CINRAD, IS-R" which amended page 99 of referenced report to read as follows:

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San Francisco T-86 of known reliability advised that [redacted]

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SF T-86 is an Anonymous Source. [redacted]

The above paragraph is set forth in reference to Chicago lead of awaiting reply from WFO as set out in report of SA [redacted] dated November 6, 1956, at Chicago.

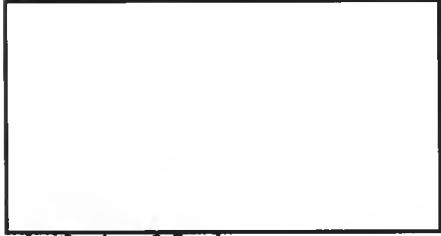
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T-symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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Confidential informants who could furnish no Communist Party information about subject are as follows:

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 12/18/56 100-30890-83	✓	
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 12/13/56 100-30890-87	J	

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